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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CEAUSESCU VISIT

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH GOR TO ANNOUNCE CEAUSESCU VISIT ABOUT THREE WEEKS BEFORE ARRIVAL, WHITE HOUSE INTENDS ISSUE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY, MARCH 24 AT APPROXIMATELY NOON EST:

BEGIN TEXT: AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, AND MRS. ELENA CEAUSESCU, WILL PAY A STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES ON APRIL 12-14. END TEXT.

2. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE FOR USE BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT. EMBASSY
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MAY ALSO USE AS APPROPRIATE.

QUESTION: IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASON FOR PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU COMING AT THIS TIME?

ANSWER: NO, THE VISIT IS IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER EXTENDED TO PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU LAST YEAR.

THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENTIAL VISIT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ROMANIA
WAS PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO ROMANIA IN AUGUST 1975.

QUESTION: WILL PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU VISIT ANY PLACE BESIDES
WASHINGTON?

ANSWER: AS IS CUSTOMARY FOR A STATE VISIT, WE EXPECT THAT
PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU WILL SPEND FOUR DAYS ELSEWHERE IN THE
U.S. IN ADDITION TO TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON. HIS ITINERARY,
HOWEVER, IS NOT YET FIRM. VANCE

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